

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 23, 2012

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 16, 2012 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 22, 2012 in the amount of **\$ 251,746.08** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 16 – February 22, 2012
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from June 10, 2011 – February 21, 2012
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from February 1 – February 7, 2012
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 21, 2012

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

Councilor Calnon said we had a question that came up earlier, Richard I'm wondering if you could answer this for us. The \$475 the Library got in overdue charges where does that money go. Does it stay in the Library fund or come in to the general.

City Chamberlain Richard Marks said its Library revenue.

Councilor Calnon said it stays in the Library account.

City Chamberlain Richard Marks said yes.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$1,852,932.38 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

Councilor Jackson said it's a big number. A lot of it is bond principal and interest payments and \$700,000 is the electrical purchase for the month of January. So, that's about one and a quarter million dollars is bonds, interest and electrical.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the lease of USAF Building 485 to the Champlain Valley Transportation Museum.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Motion to Table until next week.

Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said he would like to talk to Dr. Vaccaro or the board before he votes.

Corporation Counsel said just contact them that we tabled it for a week and that Councilor Carpenter and or other Council members have some questions before they can vote on it next week.

Mayor Kasprzak said we will reach out to Dr. Vaccaro and ask him to attend the work session.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves 2012 Street Drives.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Contracted Services Contract for Cassandra Kourofsky to complete the TeleStaff Systems work related to Police Department implementation of the Advanced Configuration of the software and will be expensed to the Asset Forfeiture account (DOJ).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend the “MEUA North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)/Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) Compliance meeting” in East Syracuse, NY from February 28 - 29, 2012 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$225.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the “Suicide Prevention in Jails and Lock-ups” in Westchester County, NY from March 20 - 21, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$545 and will be expensed to the Asset Forfeiture account (DOJ).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from January 1, 2011 to January 31, 2011 in the total amount of \$4,222.36. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .20%.
2. Request from Jim Kegan and the “Lake Lovers” to hold a Used Boats and Boat Equipment Rummage sale on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 9 am – 5 pm at the Dock Street parking lot.
3. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot to hire a permanent Police officer to replace a Police Officer who is in the final phase to be hired in a position with the NYS Police. This permanent position will be paid out of Asset Forfeiture (DOJ).

Councilor Rabideau said you can use Asset Seizure for salary?

Police Chief Desmond Racicot said you can up to one year if you go above your current staffing.

4. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for a Police Officer to attend the “The 12th Annual Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference” in Albany, NY from April 18 - 20, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$398 and will be expensed to the Asset Forfeiture account (DOJ).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Kasprzak took a recess at 5:38 pm to consult with **Corporation Counsel John Clute**.

Corporation Counsel John Clute said I need to consult with the Mayor for a second it is something else that just occurred to me that we may want to or need to take care of tonight.

Mayor Kasprzak resumed the meeting at 5:43pm stating it was a tax question on some properties and **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** provided the information so we won't need your help.

Councilor Jackson said there will be a MLD Board Meeting immediately following this meeting.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:44pm